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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

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SIR:

1. This is a request for reconsideration of the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), submitted on January 18, 2002, to file the above-identified application without the signature of a joint inventor who is either unreachable or has refused to join in the application.

2. The Office of Petitions issued a Decision dated October 31, 2002, refusing status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) indicating that applicants have not met the requirement of proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration). Specifically, the Office of Petitions stated that (a) applicants have "not demonstrated that a copy of the entire application papers (specification, including claims and drawings) were sent for the nonsigning inventor's review"; and that (b) based on the communications of the nonsigning inventor indicating that she would sign and return the declaration within a week's time, applicants should in the renewed petition provide a copy of the

executed declaration or state that the declaration was never received from the nonsigning inventor.

3. Applicants respectfully request that their Petition be reconsidered based on the present submission addressing the deficiencies identified by the Office of Petitions.

4. I hereby declare, as a person having firsthand knowledge, the following supplemental facts:

a. I am a patent attorney at AT&T Corp. and an attorney-of-record in the present patent application.

b. I supervised the work of Felicia Adadevoh, the patent prosecution specialist, who worked on obtaining the signature of Olga Kapitskaia, the nonsigning inventor of the present petition.

c. I reviewed the papers that Felicia Adadevoh sent to Olga Kapitskaia at 32 bis rue du Cotentin, 75015 Paris, France. Included in those papers were (i) a copy of the Declaration and Oath for Olga Kapitskaia's signature; (ii) a copy of the patent application in the above-entitled case, including the specification, the claims, and the drawings; and (iii) a cover letter sent out under my name requesting that Olga Kapitskaia review the application, review the Declaration and Oath, and sign and return the Declaration and Oath to our offices.

d. Upon information and belief, our offices to date have not received the signed Oath and Declaration from Olga Kapitskaia, despite her e-mail to Felicia Adadevoh of January 18, 2002, indicating that she would return the Declaration and Oath the next week.

e. Upon information and belief, our office made attempts to contact Olga Kapitskaia subsequent to the January 18, 2002 e-mail. Upon information and belief, we have not received any subsequent communications from Olga Kapitskaia.

f. The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of

Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or of any patent issued thereon.

5. Based on the sequence of events recited herein and in the previous Petition, applicants submit that a diligent effort was made to contact and have the inventor, Olga Kapitskaia, sign the Oath and Declaration.

6. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge or to credit the AT&T Deposit Account 01-2745 any fees required as well as to credit the account in the event of improper payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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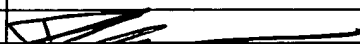
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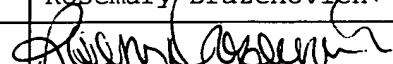
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